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NH Resident Sentenced to Prison for Felony Insurance Fraud, Bail Jumping

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Insurance Department announces that Mark Kelley of Nashua today pleaded guilty in Hillsborough County Superior Court to two charges of felony insurance fraud and one felony charge of bail jumping, stemming from a fraudulent insurance claim he had filed with Travelers Insurance Company.

“Insurance fraud is a crime that affects not just the insurance companies but New Hampshire residents, who end up paying higher premiums,” said NH Insurance Commissioner Roger Seigny. “I am very proud of our Fraud Investigation Unit, which works tirelessly to protect consumers by prosecuting those who break the law.”

In September 2012, after the roof of his home was damaged by high winds, Mr. Kelley sought reimbursement from Travelers Insurance Company by submitting two receipts that he claimed showed he had paid a local contractor for repairs. Subsequent investigation by Travelers, and later by Insurance Department Senior Investigator Brendhan Harris, revealed that Mr. Kelley had not made any such payments to the contractor and that many of the alleged repairs had not been completed.

After being indicted in October 2013 for insurance fraud, Mr. Kelley failed to appear at a scheduled hearing in February 2014, and he was arrested in May 2014.

Mr. Kelley was sentenced to two concurrent 12-month prison sentences on the insurance fraud charges, with six months of each sentence suspended on good behavior for two years. Mr. Kelley also was sentenced to one and a half to three years for failing to appear in court, with the entire sentence suspended on good behavior for two years. The case was prosecuted by Assistant New Hampshire Attorney General Jesse O’Neill.

The New Hampshire Insurance Fraud Investigation Unit investigates and prosecutes insurance fraud and other insurance related crimes. To report a suspected case of insurance fraud, visit www.nh.gov/insurance/ and click on “Report Insurance Fraud.”

The New Hampshire Insurance Department’s mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.nh.gov/insurance.

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